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| In re Application of:                   | ) | Group Art Unit: 1714    |
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| Serial No.: 10/046,624                  | ) |                         |
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| Filed: October 29, 2001                 | ) | Confirmation No. 4809   |
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| For: Thermoplastic Molding Compositions | ) |                         |
| and Polymer Additives                   | ) | Pasadena, California    |

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.